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Article Alert

1. Abolishing Fair Use?
By *George H. Pike*
(*Information Today*, December 2006, Vol.23, Issue 11, pg. 21)
Fair use has been one of the problem children of copyright law for a long time. Since it was originally created, it has lived in a state of conflict. Fair use is also misunderstood. Finally, fair use is complex and confusing. Not surprisingly, calls to reform the fair use doctrine have been raised periodically. In September, a prominent federal appeals court judge suggested eliminating the fair use doctrine entirely. Judge Alex Kozinski argued that fair use forces one of two extreme results that if the new use is not found to be fair, the original author has the absolute right to prevent the publication of derivative works, which limits creativity. However, if the derivative use is found to be fair, the new user profits while the original author is shut out completely. George H. Pike is director of the Barco Law Library and Assistant Professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

2. Are Collection Agencies the Answer?
By *Nanci Milone Hill*
(*Public Libraries*, November/December 2006, Vol.45, Issue 6, pg. 18)
Hill presents several librarians' views on the proper approach in retrieving long-overdue materials and collecting fines. She stresses that deciding how to go about retrieving lost materials and overdue fines is a serious decision that deserves the full attention of library administration and trustees. The cost of trying to collect materials, as well as staff time spent doing so, must be considered, and in addition, libraries will want to think about the effect that using a collection agency may have on the public's image of

the library. Nanci Milone Hill is Head of Reference and Information Services at the Nevins Memorial Library in Methuen, Mass.

3. Case Study: The Inch and the Mile: Luck, Opportunity, and Planning Innovative Learning Spaces
By Elizabeth Kocevar-Weidinger, Virginia Kinman and Sharon McCaslin
(*Library Administration & Management*, Winter 2007, Vol.21, Issue 1, pg. 29)
The popularity of Barnes & Noble bookstores, the googlization of information-seeking behaviors, and patrons who simultaneously instant message, use cell phones, troll RSS feeds, and create new knowledge are now major factors energizing librarians and higher education administrators to reevaluate the role and importance of the university library. The cliche of the library as the heart of the institution has been questioned as information retrieval and knowledge-creation behaviors have been radically dispersed by technology; these activities can now happen anywhere, and anytime. Here, Kinman et al discuss how library administrators need to take the lead in planning collaboratively with campus constituents. Elizabeth Kocevar-Weidinger is Instruction/Reference Librarian and Virginia Kinman is Electronic Resources Librarian at Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia; Sharon McCaslin is University Librarian at Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Missouri.

4. The Challenges of Change: A Review of Cataloging and Classification Literature, 2003-2004.
By Shawne D. Miksa
(*Library Resources & Technical Services*, January 2007, Vol.51, Issue 1, pg. 51)
This paper reviews the enormous changes in cataloging and classification reflected in the literature of 2003 and 2004, and discusses major themes and issues. Traditional cataloging and classification tools have been revamped and new resources have emerged. Most notable themes are: the continuing influence of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Control (FRBR); the struggle to understand the ever-broadening concept of an "information entity"; steady developments in metadata-encoding standards; and the globalization of information systems, including multilinguistic challenges. Shawne D. Miksa is Assistant Professor at the School of Library and Information Sciences, University of North Texas, Denton.

5. ChangeMasters All: A Series on Librarians Who Steered a Clear Course toward the Twenty-first Century: An Interview with Lotsee Patterson
By Twila Camp
(*Library Administration & Management,* Winter 2007, Vol.21, Issue 1, pg. 5)
Camp interviews Lotsee Patterson, professor of library and information studies at the University of Oklahoma. Among other things, Patterson talks about how she helped Native American communities develop library collections in the early 1970s. Twila Camp is Electronic Services Coordinator at the University of Oklahoma Libraries.

6. Cognitive and Affective Processes in Collection Development
By Brian Quinn
(*Library Resources & Technical Services*, January 2007, Vol.51, Issue 1, pg. 5)
The selection process in collection management has been characterized as based primarily on logical, rational thinking processes. Psychologists, however, have discovered that judgment and decision making are not exclusively cognitive functions. They depend instead on a complex, interaction between affect and cognition, feeling and thought. This

paper attempts to explore some of these interactive processes and how they potentially influence the selection process in collection development. Some implications for how selectors approach their work are discussed as well. Brian Quinn is Social Sciences Librarian and Coordinator of Collection Development at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

7. Content Management for the Virtual Library
By Ed Salazar
(*Information Technology & Libraries*, September 2006, Vol. 25 Issue 3, pg. 170)
Traditional, larger libraries can rely on their physical collection, coffee shops, and study rooms as ways to entice patrons into their library. Yet virtual libraries merely have their online presence to attract students to resources. This can only be achieved by providing a fully functional site that is well designed and organized, allowing patrons to navigate and locate information easily. One such technology significantly improving the overall usefulness of Web sites is a content management system (CMS). Although the CMS is not a novel technology per se, it is a technology smaller libraries cannot afford to ignore. In the fall of 2004, the Northcentral University Electronic Learning Resources Center (ELRC), a small, virtual library, moved from a static to a database-driven Web site. This article explains the importance of a CMS for the virtual or smaller library and describes the methodology used by ELRC to complete the project. Ed Salazar is Reference/Web Librarian at Northcentral University.

8. Developing an E-book as an Integrated Process Among 100 Academic Colleagues
By Leif Kajberg
(*Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, December 2006/January 2007, Vol.33, Issue 2, pg. 9)
In Europe, there is a joint forum for European library and information science (LIS) schools: EUCLID (European Association for Library and Information Education and Research). The idea behind the project leading to the European LIS curriculum e-book goes back to the excellent and very constructive EUCLID conference in Thessaloniki 2002 and to the follow-up conference arranged jointly by EUCLID and ALISE in Potsdam 2003. The aim of this project was to organize a working seminar for representatives of LIS schools in Europe. The project would address convergence of and collaboration between European LIS educational programs and look at the concept of a core curriculum for LIS studies from a European perspective. In many ways the project developed a new model of running an analytically based collective process in a multi-cultural environment and a new approach to conducting conferences. Leif Kajberg is affiliated with the Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark.

9. Endeavor's Schools of Digital Collections
By Barbara Brynko
(*Information Today,* December 2006, Vol.23, Issue 11, pg. 31)
A special digitization project, better known as the Management of Images in a Distributed Environment with Shared Services (MIDESS), June 2005, is dedicated to exploring ways to manage digitized content by developing a digital repository infrastructure. Three institutions -- the University of Leeds, the University of Birmingham, and the London School of Economics -- are building digital repositories; the fourth partner, the University College London, is busy analyzing the copyright implications of the digital material. One of the biggest challenges Dawn Petherick (the business systems manager for the digital library at the University of Birmingham) faced

was figuring out where to start. They decided to focus on the images within Information Services (IS) and to use it as a test-bed for what we might require in the future.

10. Internet Governance Forum: All Talk, Different Format
By Dick Kaser
(*Information Today*, December 2006, Vol.23, Issue 11, pg. 1)
The inaugural meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), held in an Athens suburb last month really was not about anything in particular, and yet it was about everything in the world that relates to making the Internet global. The official agenda only listed four items: openness, security, diversity, and access. But virtually every topic that had emerged in the epic World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process that culminated a year ago in Tunis, Tunisia, was somewhere to be found, either obliquely written between the lines of a speaker's remarks at the open forum or in the sidebar workshops -- 36 of which were taking place in adjoining rooms during the event. Though WSIS would have appeared to have resolved or at least sidelined many of these topics, even the topic of what Internet governance should be was alive, well, and living in the sidebar workshops. Dick Kaser is Information Today, Inc.'s vice president of content.

11. Interpreting the Copyright © Symbol
By Lesley Ellen Harris
(*Information Outlook*, November 2006, Vol.10, Issue 11, pg. 48)
For a Web site, a suitable location for the copyright notice may be on the home page, or on a page that appears by clicking through to a specified copyright or legal notices page, or both. For instance, Web site owners may include a simple copyright notice on their home page and perhaps on other pages of their Web site, with a click-through to a more detailed copyright and legal notices page. Lesley Ellen Harris is a copyright lawyer/consultant.

12. Leadership Is a Chain Reaction
By Caryn L. Anderson
(*Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, December 2006/January 2007, Vol.33, Issue 2, pg. 23)
The author is deeply honored to receive the James M. Cretsos Leadership Award this year and to share it with her brilliant and dedicated Special Interest Group/International Information Issues colleague, Nadia Caidi. But the deeds that have made her eligible for this award are due, in great measure, to the tireless support and partnership of a community of American Society for Information Science & Technology colleagues (old and new), which have made this society one of the most socially and intellectually invigorating experiences of her professional career. The James M. Cretsos Award is intended to honor an individual for leadership activities and qualities. But leaders are only as good as the team that supports them and the subsequent leaders they encourage. The author is pleased, therefore, to accept this award for all of them. Caryn L. Andersen is program coordinator and lecturer in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston.

13. **One Plus One Equals Three: Joint-Use Libraries in Urban Areas-The Ultimate Form of Library Cooperation**
By Kirsten L. Marie
(*Library Administration & Management*, Winter 2007, Vol.21, Issue 1, pg. 23)
Librarians resourcefully adapt to keep libraries thriving despite downsizing, rising material costs, and diminishing funds. One way librarians try to regain lost ground is by forming partnerships, pooling funds, and combining resources to more effectively serve patrons. Formal library-to-library cooperation has taken many forms, mostly in such areas as services, collections, and technology. Here, Marie discusses how libraries overcome obstacles and how they plan assessment goals. Kirsten L. Marie is Library Information Technology Specialist at Washington High School, Fremont, Calif.

14. **Public Library Rebirth**
By Virginia Mathews
(*American Libraries,* December 2006, Vol. 37, Issue 11, pg. 48)
The article presents historical information on the U.S. Library Services and Technology Act and the Office for Literacy Outreach Services in the U.S. The Library Services Act, which provided federal funds for public libraries, thus raising the importance of reading, knowledge and libraries from the local agenda to the national agenda, was signed by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The outreach and literacy office was established in 1970, based on the need to have a permanent staff and a regular budget. Virginia Mathews is Consultant at the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

15. **Restrategizing Bibliographic Services and the One Good Record**
By John J. Riemer
(*Library Resources & Technical Services*, January 2007, Vol.51, Issue 1, pg. 2)
Lorcan Dempsey's blog announced the posting of the University of California Bibliographic Services Task Force (BSTF) report and the debut of the new Endeca-based online catalog at North Carolina State University, which exemplified many of the BSTF recommendations.1 The Library of Congress-commissioned Karen Calhoun report followed a couple of months later.2 The Library of Congress (LC) described a priority shift to access to content rather than access to description. Reasonably consistent data can support precise report writing against a file of bibliographic records, along parameters not offered in live catalog searching. At the June 2006 Technical Services Administrators of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group meeting in New Orleans, an update on the efforts to make library data available to commercial search engines elicited the observation that receipt of the initial metadata increased the appetite for more of it. John J. Riemer is Head at the UCLA Library Cataloging & Metadata Center.

16. **A Review and Analysis of Library Availability Studies**
By Thomas E. Nisonger
(*Library Resources & Technical Services,* January 2007, Vol.51, Issue 1, pg. 30)
The concept of availability (can a library patron locate a desired item on a library's shelves?) and Kantor's branching method for identifying barriers to availability (acquisition circulation, library operations, and the user) are described. A literature review identifies more than fifty investigations of availability reported in journal articles, dissertations, theses, or conference presentations during the last quarter century. The mean availability rates for known-item searches by actual patrons of 61.3 percent or 63.1 percent (depending on the calculation method) are quite similar to the 61 percent found in an earlier review covering the years 1934 to 1984. Analysis of

availability in Kantor's branches shows variation among libraries, but no branch standing out as a major barrier. The paper concludes with the argument that the traditional availability measure can be modified for use as an objective, user-centered evaluative tool in the electronic environment. Thomas E. Nisonger is Professor at the School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University.

17. Search Engines, European-Style
By Gary Flood
(*Information Today*, December 2006, Vol.23, Issue 11, pg. 28)
Organizations that are headquartered in the US such as Google, Microsoft, and Yahoo! continue to dominate the Web search space. While the European search community is not conceding completely to the Americans on the Web search front, Quaero Corp is being billed as "the European answer to Google." This public-private industry initiative has clients including France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom, French engineering giant Thales, the University of Karlsruhe, and Studio Hamburg. The goal is creating a multilingual, multimedia search engine for the Web that is allegedly capable of handling all sorts of documents and digital information. Even if Quaero has not yet generated more than slightly puzzled press coverage, other European researchers are active in other search applications from categorization, results clustering, and personalization. Gary Flood is a freelance business and technology writer based in the U.K.

18. Tales from the Trenches
By Cybèle Werts
(*Information Outlook*, November 2006, Vol.10, Issue 11, pg. 35)
Information Outlook frequently publishes articles on how changes in technology have affected information professionals. Having a lot of paper around felt cluttered and confused to me, so I initiated an electronic filing system for our information requests, which eventually grew into our electronic library. Over the next five years, I can imagine that technology, through the expansion of the number and capacity of search engines, will allow us to search Internet and print sources more quickly and widely due to a necessity to stay up to date' and also to focus incisively in on the most salient material, concepts, and ideas. Cybèle Elaine Werts is Information Specialist at the Northeast Regional Resource Center

19. To Market, to Market: The Supervisory Skills and Managerial Competencies Most Valued by New Library Supervisors
By Jennifer Weil Arns and Carol Price
(*Library Administration & Management*, Winter 2007, Vol.21, Issue 1, pg. 13)
Experience suggests that the librarians' approach to their supervisory duties and the success of their efforts will have a strong influence on their job satisfaction, the productivity and job satisfaction of those whom they supervise and the quality of services their organizations provide. Yet there is little recent information that focuses on the knowledge and behaviors that new supervisors associate with successful supervision in library settings or the resources and training experiences that currently facilitate their transition. Here, Arns and Price review data gathered by the Library Administration and Management Association Education Committee regarding the managerial competencies needed by new library supervisors. Jennifer Well Arns is a Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, Davis College, in Columbia, and Carol Price is an Educational Service Representative for Usborne Books.

20. Top 10 Library Stories of 2006
(*American Libraries*, December 2006, Vol. 37, Issue 11, pg. 32)
The article presents 10 stories of various activities by libraries and library-related organizations in 2006. Approximately 1,000 attendees of The American Library Association 2006 Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana, volunteered for two days repairing more than 20 libraries all over the city. The gag order was removed from several librarians in the U.S. who challenged the government's request for patron records under the U.S. Patriot Act.

21. What Shook Information Technology in 2006?
By Barbara Brynko
(*Information Today*, December 2006, Vol.23, Issue 11, pg. 1)
As the last issue of this publication for 2006 closes, the author asked a few industry notables a key question that has been on his mind: What person or event do you think had the most impact on the information technology industry in 2006? Once posed, the question evoked a few pensive looks and several variations of "Let me think about this." But after much thought and deliberation, our esteemed panel submitted their insights. Industry analyst John Blossom leads the way with a synopsis of the ups and downs of 2006 along with some industry predictions for 2007, and our key industry notables add their viewpoints to the mix. John M. Lervik, Co-Founder and CEO of Fast Search & Transfer said the force that gave shape to 2006 was not a single person or event, but the arrival of Web 2.0 as a new leverage point for the entire information business.

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Announcements

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Webchats:
Democary Dialogues: Webchats on "Corruption"
16 Jan: The Causes and Consequences of Corruption (Susan Rose-Ackerman)
18 Jan: Anti-Corruption Mechanisms within the U.S. Federal Government (Jane Ley)
05 Feb: The International Legal Framework for Fighting Corruption (John Brandolino and Dimitri Vlassis)
08 Feb: The Role of NGOs in Battling Corruption (Nancy Boswell)
15 Feb: The Role of the Private Sector in Combating Corruption (John D. Sullivan)
27 Feb: The Role of the Media in Combating Corruption (Nathaniel Heller)

Reaching out to the Muslim Community:
01 Feb: Native Deen: Celebrating Islam and Promoting Tolerance Through Hip-Hop with Native Deen
http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/native_deen_01_feb_2007.html

Studying and Working in the United States
12 Feb: 15:00-16:00
Questions relating to studying, working or seeking internships in the U.S. will be answered by experts from the Public Affairs/Information Resource Center and Consular sections. Further information and registration:
http://www.usembassy.de/germany/chat.html

For more Mission Germany webchats: http://www.usembassy.de/germany/chat.html
For more IIP webchats: http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Products/Webchats.html

Events:

January 11, 2007. 15:00-16:30
Advising session: Study and Work in the United States
Stadtbibliothek Mannheim, Stadthaus Mannheim, N 3,4 (Dalberghaus), 68161 Mannheim
Interested in going to high school or college in the United States? How about an internship or work and travel? Need information on how to go about organizing it and where to find information? EducationUSA Frankfurt (U.S. Consulate General) offers information and advising sessions every second Thursday of the month at the City Library Mannheim.

January 30, 2007. 10:00-17:00
Studying and Working in the United States: EducationUSA at HOBIT Darmstadt
Stadion am Böllenfalltor, Darmstadt
The fair in Darmstadt offers information on working and studying in Germany, Europe and abroad. EducationUSA Frankfurt is present with an infobooth from 10:00 to 15:00. A presentation on the topic will start at 15:00 to 16:30.
Further information: http://www.hobit.de/

February 1, 2007. 20:00
Reading: T Cooper reads from her book "Lipshitz"
Moderated by Kathrin Fischer, Hessischer Rundfunk. Oliver Wronka will read from the German version.
Literaturhaus Villa Clementine, Frankfurter Str. 1, 65189 Wiesbaden
Tickets: € 6, € 5. Reservations: 0611-3086365
Organized by Literaturhaus Villa Clementine, the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt and Mare Buchverlag.
Lipshitz Six, or Two Angry Blondes details the peculiar history of the Lipshitz family, Russian Jewish refugees. Upon landing at Ellis Island, Esther and Hersh Lipshitz discover their atypically blond-haired, blue-eyed, five-year-old son Reuven is missing. After a year-long, fruitless search for the boy in New York City, the Lipshitz family relocates to Texas. Over two decades, Esther sporadically ponders the fate of her lost son, and when she first sees a photograph of the equally blond-haired, blue-eyed Charles Lindbergh after his 1927 transatlantic flight, she becomes convinced that the aviator is her son Reuven, now grown up. Esther's obsession with Lindbergh (Reuven) slowly destroys those around her and leaves far-reaching, insidious effects on the entire Lipshitz lineage. New York, 2002: Meet 30-year-old T Cooper — the last living Lipshitz, who has received an unsolicited box from his estranged mother in Amarillo, Texas, with hundreds of clippings, photographs and letters related to Charles Lindbergh and his family, all once carefully preserved by T's great-grandmother Esther. When T is forced back to Texas to bury his suddenly deceased parents, he finds himself the sole inheritor of a family history filled with loose ends, factual errors, and decidedly maniacal behavior.

February 3, 2007. 20:30
Klassik in der Romanfabrik III: Liedergalerie Hamburg: From Purcell to Porter - The Art Of British And American Song
Romanfabrik, Hanauer Landstr. 186, 60314 Frankfurt
Tickets: 15 €, 12 €. Reservations: reservierung@romanfabrik.de or 069-49084829
Organized by Romanfabrik in cooperation with the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt.

"Liedergalerie" will present a colorful range of English-language songs from the mid-15th to the beginning of the 20th century. Listen to an evening of Ayres, a special English pre-form of the aria by Dowland (1563-1626), touching love duets by Purcell (1659-1695), "folk songs" by Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958), avantgarde forms of expression by Charles Yves (1874-1954), unforgettable hits from the musicals and operas of Cole Porter (1891-1964) and George Gershwin (1898-1937) as well as some compository surprises.

"Liedergalerie" consists of Leigh Adoff (New York - Soprano), Thomas Franke (Hamburg - Bariton) und Michael Wilhelmi (Berlin - piano).

For more upcoming events, please check:
http://frankfurt.usconsulate.gov/frankfurt/upcoming_events.html

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